



Wath Academy Newsletter

Issue 7

Principal's Update

18 February 2022

Dear Students / Parents / Carers,



As we approach the half term break it gives us another opportunity to reflect on some of the highlights of the past few weeks:

B11 Education

As part of our drive for continuous improvement we engaged in an external audit by B11 Education. Three trained OFSTED inspectors arrived and performed a number of Subject Deep Dives as well as a meeting with leaders and teachers across a range of areas including, behaviour, attendance, personal development and safeguarding.

The feedback we received was very positive. Subjects such as Science, Maths and History coming out with significant strengths and English also being seen as rapidly improving. Behaviour and Safeguarding at the academy was also highlighted as a strength. Particularly pleasing was the feedback regarding our Personal Development programme. The visitors highlighted the Character Education, Votes for Schools, Life Skills and Enrichment programmes as being real strengths of the academy.

As always, we reflect on the areas for development and have already started implementing feedback on how we can develop student voice and even further improve the Personal Development curriculum.

Ministerial Visit

This half term we had a visit from the Minister of State for School Standards, Robin Walker. He visited the area to look at the Attendance Matters pathway RMBC have implemented in conjunction with local schools. The local authority selected us as the school they'd like to show the Minister around.

It was great to welcome the Minister and tour him around the academy, he was very impressed with the curriculum offer across all key stages in particular the broad range of subjects in the sixth form. He was particularly pleased with the standards of behaviour and commented positively on the progress the academy is making.



To be selected by the local authority and to then impress the Minister of State for School Standards on a tour around the academy is a fantastic achievement and something staff and students should be very proud of. This is another indicator that the academy is making significant improvements.



Music Mark

It is an exciting time in the Music department with the installation of the new IT workstations and other new music equipment such as guitars, drum kits and keyboards. We are aiming to provide students with industry standard equipment on which to work.

In addition, the Music department are delighted to have been nominated by Rotherham Music to become a Music Mark school in recognition of their commitment to music education. Music Mark is the UK Association for Music Education, championing and supporting access to music for all young people and it is an honour to have been chosen.

Movement Evening

I write this letter the day of our first Movement Evening. We are very excited to be able to host this event again after the pandemic has prevented us from doing so last year. The students and staff have worked incredibly hard and I for one cannot wait to see it for the first time. Good luck to all the students and staff involved. You have done us proud already!

I hope you all have a fantastic half term.

Yours sincerely

Mr Ransome
Principal

Meet our new staff members

We are delighted to announce our new member of staff who is starting with us on Monday 28 February.

Mr Buller – Pastoral Year Leader



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'Meliora Spectare' – 'Look to Better Things'

Sixth Form

Y13 students are invited into school during February half term to attend the following revision sessions:

Monday	
9:00am - 12:00pm	12:30pm - 3:30pm
French (IGR)	Sociology (KCO)
PE (LTH)	English Language (SHR)
Sociology (CSH)	Business (CSC)
10:00am - 3:00pm - Geography NEA	
Tuesday	
9:00am - 12:00pm	12:30pm - 3:30pm
Politics (JHA)	Criminology (KCO)
	English Literature (KMA)
10:00am - 3:00pm - Geography NEA	
Wednesday	
9:00am - 12:00pm	12:30pm - 3:30pm
A Level Maths (DBI)	
Media Studies (PBI)	
Thursday	
9:00am - 12:00pm	
Economics (PSR)	
Friday	
12:30pm - 3:30pm	
History (LCH/ARA)	



House Events

Last week's WINNERS!

Friday 11 February – Valentines Treasure Hunt Challenge

Y7-9 = Rome

Y10-13 = Carthage

Online Roblox Challenge = Carthage



Upcoming Challenges include:

Friday 4 March– Netball Hoop Challenge

Box Challenges

Science Elements Challenge

Upcoming Parents' Evening

Year 7 – Tuesday 22 March 2022

Year 11 – Tuesday 8 March 2022

Year 13 – Tuesday 1 March 2022

Football Scholarship

Monday 21 February

Boys - Open training session– 10.00am-12.00pm

Girls – Open training session – 1.30pm – 3.30pm

Wednesday 23 February

Girls team trip to Salou.

Department Information

PE Department

It has been a busy half term in PE as we prepared for Movement Evening, which is always a highlight of the year! We have also enjoyed great success across several sports.



Our Year 7 girls, Year 8 boys and girls have all qualified from the Rotherham Sports Hall Athletics heats in the top 2 schools, we will represent Rotherham at the South Yorkshire School games, based at the English Institute of Sport this March. Good luck to all.



Three of our Netball teams have already qualified for Rotherham Netball Finals day, winning their respective Rotherham Tournaments. Our U15 Girls Footballers enjoyed a great run in the English Schools National Cup, eventually getting as far as the last 32 Nationally. While we had 6 students represent Rotherham Schools at the South Yorkshire Cross Country Finals, with Katie B finishing an impressive 2nd in her race. Both the Year 7 and 9 boys Football teams had excellent runs in the South Yorkshire Cup, losing out in the QF and SF stages. We have really enjoyed three sporting trips so far this year. Visiting a Women's Premier League Football match, Sheffield Steelers and watching our new Rugby Academy Manager, Ryan Burrows, play for Coventry in the Rugby Championship. Keep your eyes peeled for more opportunities to watch top class sport next term!



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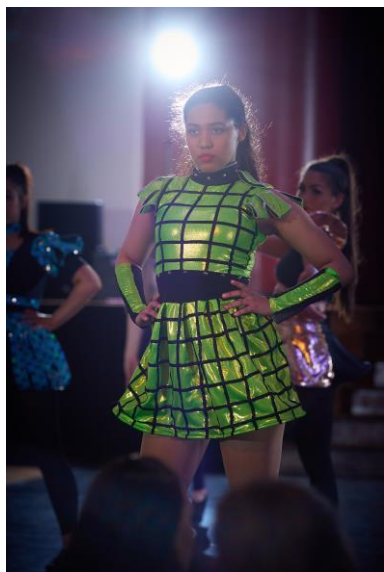
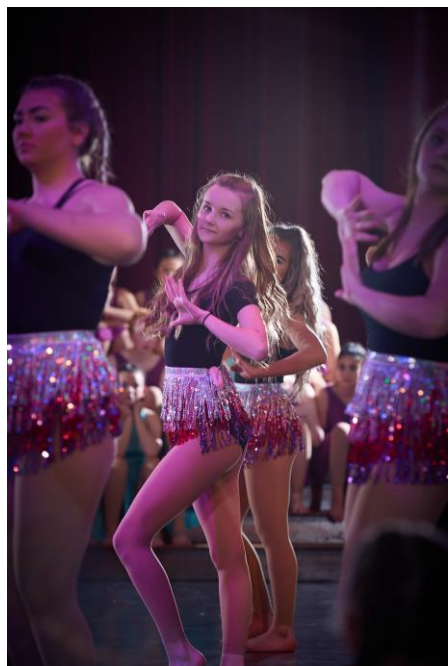


'Meliora Spectare' – 'Look to Better Things'

Movement Evening 2022

We are so incredibly proud of all students and staff involved in Movement Evening. We have had such great feedback from the audience every night.

A special shout out to our Y13 choreographers, Scarlett B, Lille H, Tanasia H and Aimee Hubery. The dances you have produced have been fantastic, well done!



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